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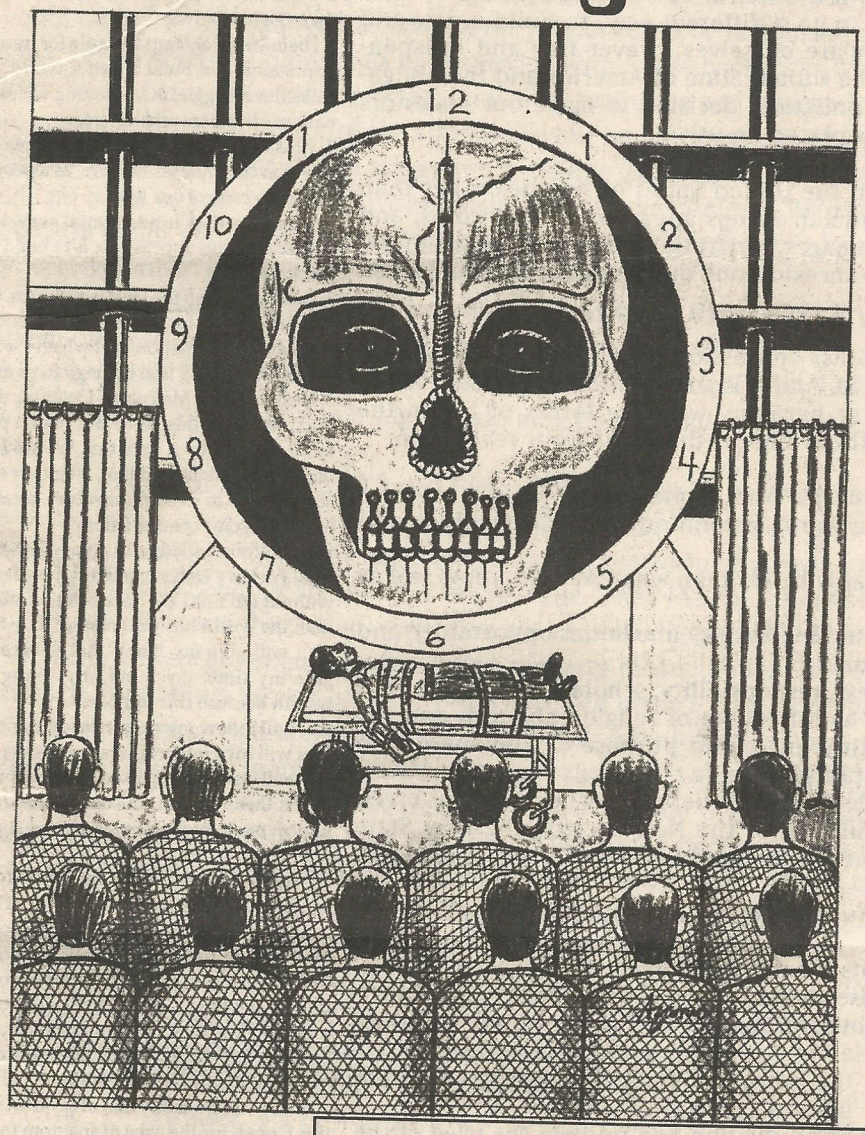

Death Voyeur,
By Zolo Agona Azania

BECAUSE OF PROSECUTORIAL MISCONDUCT & LACK OF EVIDENCE, FREEDOM FIGHTER ZOLO AGONA AZANIA'S DEATH SENTENCE HAS BEEN THROWN OUT TWO TIMES. WILL JUDGE KENNETH SCHEIBENBERGER SENTENCE HIM TO DEATH AGAIN? SEE STORY INSIDE!

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NEW AFRIKAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

WE, New Afrikan People in America, in consequence of arriving at a knowledge of ourselves as a people with dignity, long deprived of that knowledge; as a consequence of revolting with every decimal of our collective and individual beings against the oppression that for three hundred years has destroyed and broken and warped the bodies and minds and spirits of our people in America, in consequence of our raging desire to be free of this oppression, to destroy this oppression wherever it assaults **humankind** in the world, and in consequence of inextinguishable determination to go a different way, to build a new and better world, do hereby declare ourselves forever free and independent of the jurisdiction of the United State of America and the obligations which that country's unilateral decision to make our ancestors and ourselves paper-citizens placed on us.

We claim no rights from the United States of America other than those rights belonging to human beings anywhere in the world, and these include the right to damages, reparations, due us from the grievous injuries sustained by our ancestors and ourselves by reason of United States lawlessness.

Ours is a revolution against oppression—our own oppression and that of all people in the world. And it is a revolution for a better life, a better station for **all**, a surer harmony with the forces of life in the universe. We therefore see these aims as the aims of our revolution:

- To free black people in America from oppression;
- To support and wage the world revolution until all people everywhere are so free;
- To build a new Society that is better than what We now know and as perfect as **We** can make it;
- To assure all people in the New Society maximum opportunity and equal access to that maximum;
- To promote industriousness, responsibility, scholarship, and service;
- To create conditions in which freedom of religion abounds and the pursuit of God and/or destiny, place and purpose of **humankind** in the Universe will be without hindrance;
- To build a Black independent nation where no sect or religious creed subverts or impedes the building of the New Society, the New State Government, or achievement of the Aims of the Revolution as set forth in this Declaration;
- To end exploitation of **human beings** by **each other** or the environment;
- To assure equality of rights for the sexes;
- To end color and class discrimination, while not abolishing salubrious diversity, and to promote self-respect and mutual understanding among all people in the society;
- To protect and promote the personal dignity and integrity of the individual, and **his or her** natural rights;
- To place the major means of production and trade in the trust of the state to assure the benefits of this earth and **our** genius and labor to society and all its members, and
- To encourage and reward the individual for hard work and initiative and insight and devotion to the Revolution.

In mutual trust and great expectation, We the undersigned, for ourselves and for those who look to us but are unable personally to affix their signatures hereto, do join in this solemn Declaration of Independence, and to support this Declaration and to assure the success of the Revolution, We pledge without reservation ourselves, our talents, and all our worldly goods.

The New Afrikan Creed

1. i believe in the spirituality, humanity and genius of Black people, and in our new pursuit of these values.
2. i believe in the family and the community, and in the community as a family, and i will work to make this concept live.
3. i believe in the community as more important than the individual.
4. i believe in constant struggle for freedom, to end oppression and build a better world. i believe in collective struggle; in fashioning victory in concert with my brothers and sisters.
5. i believe that the fundamental reason our oppression continues is that We, as a people, lack the power to control our lives.
6. i believe that fundamental way to gain that power, and end oppression, is to build a sovereign Black nation.
7. i believe that all the land in America, upon which We have lived for a long time, which We have worked and built upon, and which We have fought to stay on, is land that belongs to us as a people.
8. i believe in the Malcolm X Doctrine: that We must organize upon this land, and hold a plebiscite, to tell the world by a vote that We are free and our land independent, and that, after the vote, We must stand ready to defend ourselves, establishing the nation beyond contradiction.
9. Therefore, i pledge to struggle without cease, until We have won sovereignty. i pledge to struggle without fail until We have built a better condition than the world has yet known.
10. i will give my life, if that is necessary; i will give my time, my mind, my strength, and my wealth because this **IS** necessary.
11. i will follow my chosen leaders and help them.
12. i will love my brothers and sisters as myself.
13. i will steal nothing from a brother or sister, cheat no brother or sister, misuse no brother or sister, inform on no brother or sister, and spread no gossip.
14. i will keep myself clean in body, dress and speech, knowing that i am a light set on a hill, a true representative of what We are building.
15. i will be patient and uplifting with the deaf, dumb and blind, and i will seek by word and deed to heal the Black family, to bring into the Movement and into the Community mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters left by the wayside.

Now, freely and of my own will, i pledge this **Creed**, for the sake of freedom for my people and a better world, on pain of disgrace and banishment if i prove false. For, i am no longer deaf, dumb or blind. i am, by inspiration of the ancestors and grace of the Creator — a **New Afrikan.**

OPEN LETTER TO MY NEPHEW RETURNING TO THE GULF,
TO HIS SISTER GOING FOR THE FIRST TIME:
PUT DOWN GEORGE BUSH'S GUN AND COME HOME

March 20, 2003

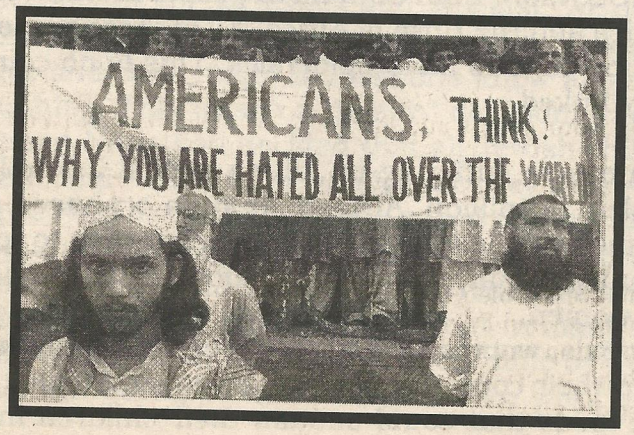
David and Alfeia,

War on Iraq by the United States brings and keeps you and other youngBlack, Latino, and poor white youth on my mind. I know that you did notvolunnteer to be mercenaries. In my mind's eye, I still see the two ofyou gleefully running to kindergarden with Swiss backpacks from my firsttrip to Europe and Afrika, years before Black international travel wascommon and backpacks became cool. That memory is replaced by the horror of the specter of your murderingyouth who look like you, have the same dreams and asperations as you,struggling to realize their human potential just like you, and who havedone no harm to you. More, it invokes memories of your Vietnam Warravaged uncle and the demons that still haunt him. The blemish both placeon our family's history of generations of war resistence broke yourgrandfather's heart.

The Buffalo Soldier, like Colin Powell and Condolezza Rice today, is a symbol of opportunistic internalized oppression at worst and misguided naivete at best. Black men who fought other oppressed peoples in service to the white oppressers. Today your participation in the US armed forces is clearly service to the global system of white supremacy, materialism, militarism, and sexism just like the lowly drug dealer.

David and Alfeia, before the United States invaded Iraq 12 years ago andthe imposition of draconian sanctions, Iraqi youth could attend school and enjoyed modern universal health care from the cradle to the grave all for free. They had a reasonable expectation of growing up and doing meaningful life affirming work at home or abroad, at a living wage. They looked forward to home and a family. Knowing their history and the flavor of self-respect and self-determination, they could look to and struggle to achieve self governance and national minority reconciliation. If you survive your participation in the US' murderous assault on Iraq, you will return home to face unemployment, brutality, criminalization, repression, and incarceration unless you submit to continued mercenary service. David and Alfeia, despite George Bush's monstrous "shock and awe," theIraqi people will survive the montrous immoral, racist and genocidal onslaught for which the U.S. Government has prepositioned you today and our people for centuries. Will you? David the young people in your charge are best served by conscientious objector counselling like your grandfather used to give. Alfeia, taking the life of an Iraqi mother's child will not heal the pain of having yours snatched from you or your mother shared as a single parent.

David and Alfeia, your battle, like your uncle David's, is here in the United States not Iraq. Lay down George Bush's gun and come home. No blood for oil, NOT yours or the Iraqis.



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There's Fighting In Iraq But The Real War Is In Afrika

(The whole world of men is glued to television sets watching the latest war news from the front lines. But this little war, Emperor Bush's would-be Hollywood war, is not the big war. That's the radical feminist view as put forward by Amazons. this is a small excerpt from the new book, The Military Strategy of Women & Children. Check it out..
Editors)

Amazons need a different viewpoint of our own on world reality, and it has to be a military viewpoint. If someone isn't waving a gun, women don't think it's military. But patriarchal capitalism doesn't see it that way. With a wink and a nod, they know that in their world it all can be military - whether We are told to call it economics, nation-building, recreation or health.

Right now people are seeing by the light of burning cities in the Middle East that it isn't about terrorism and it isn't even about oil, so much as it is about the Bush Gang's plan to restructure the entire Middle East. To occupy, police, rip apart and modernize Muslim nations along certain lines to better integrate them into global capitalism. And millions have been protesting in the streets.

But they've already done that to Afrika (and no women here were in the streets). This is a done deal. World capitalism covertly restructured Afrika over the past fifteen years first through endemic men's civil wars sponsored by the NATO powers and then through the massive genocide of women. The genocide that they called "a health problem". Biological warfare has already been committed on a continental scale, but it wasn't any pipsqueak Saddam in Baghdad. It was the big boys, the u.s. empire and NATO and the U.N., that are the war criminals. Check out this stunning admission & explanation of Afrika's crisis by U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan:

> "A combination of famine and AIDS is threatening the backbone of Africa- the women who keep Afrikan societies going and whose work makes up the economic foundation of rural communities. For decades, we have known that the best way for Africa to thrive is to ensure that its women have the freedom, power and knowledge to make decisions affecting their own lives and those of their families and communities. At the United Nations, we have always understood that our work depends on building a successful partnership with the Afrikan farmer and her husband...
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> But today, millions of Afrikan women are threatened by two simultaneous catastrophes: famine and AIDS. More than 30 million people are now at risk of starvation in southern Africa and the Horn of Africa. All of these predominately rural societies are also battling serious AIDS epidemics. This is no coincidence: AIDS and famine are directly linked.
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> AIDS has already caused immense suffering by killing almost 2.5 million Africans this year alone. It has left 11 million Afrikan children orphaned since the epidemic began. Now it is attacking the capacity of these countries to resist famine by eroding those mechanisms that enable populations to fight back — the coping abilities provided by women.
> In famines before the AIDS crisis, women proved more resilient than men. Their survival rate was higher, and their coping skills were stronger. Women were the ones who fought alternative foods that could sustain their children in times of

drought. Because droughts happened once a decade or so, women who had experienced previous droughts were able to pass on survival techniquees to younger women. Women are the ones who nurture social networks that can help spread the burden in times of famine...

Because this crisis is different from past famines, we must look beyond relief measures of the past. Merely shipping in food is not enough. Our effort will have to combine food assistance and new approaches to farming with treatment and prevention of H.I.V. And AIDS... It will require new agricultural techniques, appropriate to a depleted work force. It will require a renewed effort to wipe out H.I.V.-related stigma and silence... Above all, this new international effort must put women at the center of our strategy to fight AIDS."

U.N. Chief Kofi Annan, suave and slick as a deodorant commercial, says that he is supporting Afrikan women in their terrible crisis (that he for one helped create). But under that guise what he is really saying is that since these millions upon millions of Afrikan women are dead & dying, their role is over. Their day as the main farmers of Afrika is over, and now Afrikan society must be restructured in a more "modern" way — i.e. a patriarchal imperialist way.

Notice that the U.N. chieftain doesn't discuss when the international agencies first got involved in the AIDS pandemic among Afrikan women. Fact is that for well over ten years they've been observing & monitoring the explosion of this genocide through bio-warfare (in many areas over 25% of adult Afrikan women are HIV Positive). In those years the U.N. aided in the u.s. empire's Gulf War with Iraq. the dicks flew thousands of troops into the Balkans to occupy large parts of ex-Yugoslavia. To say nothing of the u.s. conquest of Afghanistan, or the French and British military incursions to prop up corrupt regimes in Sierra Leone, the Ivory Coast and other neo-colonies. No end of global interventions.

But accidentally-on-purpose there was no intervention to stop the AIDS pandemic among women in Afrika. Even after the mass fear of AIDS in white middle class amerikkka led to a dramatic medical offensive, new therapies and government-sponsored roadblocks against the spread of AIDS in Smallville. But not in Black Afrika, and most of all not for Afrikan women.

For over ten years they knew but did nothing, day in & day out, this cold collection of men's capitalist governments. Because they knew that to reverse the AIDS explosion in Afrika they needed to empower women. (Rather than have societies run crazily off the rails by the Mugabes and Mbekis). We don't even need to have shaky conspiracy theories alleging CIA experiments in Afrika out of control or something. The bourgeoisie and their major institutions knew about the pandemic for over ten years, but did nothing. This wasn't a "health" decision, this was a military decision. After all, if the German Nazis had decided that all Jewish children would not have medical care or adequate food — and then watched as they died — would We have said that it was a "health" problem or would We have called it genocide? Afrika was the real biowarfare, not Iraq and its two-bit laboratories and isolated little dictator. When they point us in one direction, We should know that the real deal is the other way.

What Annan was referring to is that in many Afrikan rural societies the subsistence farming that feeds families is largely done by women and children. Women are the local social structure, in many senses. Men work in the cash economy, often leaving

their village for long periods, or often don't work at all. Annan is saying that with the deliberately unchecked AIDS not only the labor power but the traditional knowledge and skills are being lost. As he says, "Merely shipping in food is not enough. Our effort will have to combine food assistance with new approaches to farming...It will require new agricultural techniques, appropriate to a depleted work force."

What he means is a version of Western-style, mechanized, biotech commercial farming. With lots of imported corporate products, fertilizers, insecticides, genetically altered seeds, and petroleum-powered equipment. Very "productive" ... for some men. Because once farming leaves the zone of women's production for family consumption and becomes commercial, part of the cash economy, it transfers to the zone of men's economy. Fact is that it's bourgeois men who get the land titles and bank loans and commercial contracts.

It is not just the immediate deaths. This U.N. sponsored restructuring is a military strategy to wipe out Afrikan women's role in rural society, to modernize Afrika not in liberated way but along imperialist lines to be a better gear in the emerging global capitalist machinery.

The U.N. chief issued his statement just as those noted humanitarians, the Bush Gang, were also announcing an unprecedented $15 billion aid plan to put AIDS in Afrika back in the box. The amerikkkan public has been puzzled by this contradiction. But looking at it from amazon's military viewpoint it all fits. They give the big dollars and rally the forces after the slaughter has done its work, after they've won their covert war that they called peace. Now they want to stabilize the surviving employees and tidy up Afrika's house for the new owners.

The genocide against women is not just something long ago, so distant like a faint star that We can safely memorialize it on that one night a year that We celebrate women — if that. The greatest illusion women have is in the safety & stability of our permitted little lives, our little careers, our "small world" as Adolf Hitler fondly called the lives of women. As if staying within the legal boundaries of the sheep pen means that patriarchal capitalism will not move against us. As if men keep their word.

Figure it out — the greatest mass crimes are always said to be something else, always done under cover. Hitler ran a model concentration camp in the 1930s, even with a showcase Jewish orchestra and art classes, for the International Red Cross and foreign journalists to visit and falsely reassure the world about the fate of the Jews. When they burned millions of us at the stake over centuries in the Witchhunt, it was called "religion". When the indigenous peoples of Hispaniola and Central America were conquered and slaughtered and starved to death by the millions, it was called "Discovering the New World." When the u.s. invasion turned Saigon into a giant brothel, with 400,000 refugee women forced into being prostitutes to serve Gis, it was called "R & R".

And when millions of Afrikan women are being killed to wipe out an inconvenient women's economy that's standing in the way of global capitalist integration, it's called a "health problem".

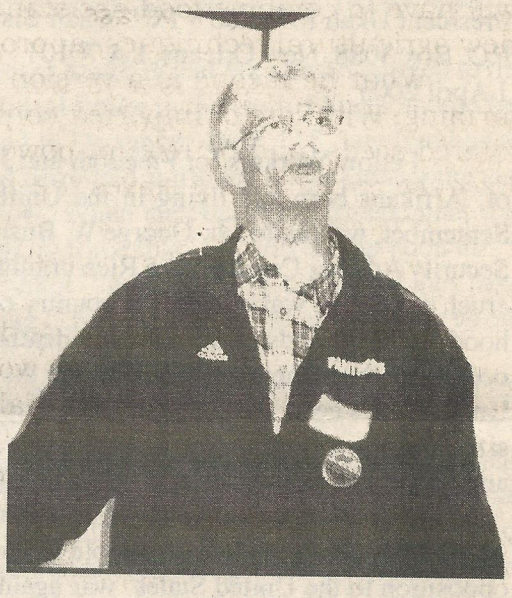
To the zippers it's all about military, no matter what else they pretend to cal it. And it should be for amazons, too. But in the metropolis women like to play the game cause it pays off for us. "U.S." only means us. After all, until We get off We ride up & down with the zipper. (end)

Statement in Support of Bro. Chokwe

On Sunday afternoon March 30, 2003 in conjunction with New Afrikan Nation Day, a support rally was organized by members of the Nation of Islam for Attorney Chokwe Lumumba at Tougaloo College. Bro. Chokwe Lumumba, a long-time freedom fighter for Afrikan people and poor people in the hells of amerikkka, faces the risk of having his license to practice law in the state of Mississippi revoked. Bro. Chokwe's hearing will be held on April 22, 2003, and his family is asking for the community to come out and pack the courtroom on that day. Brother Chokwe is a champion of human rights. He was minister of justice of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika. Bro. Chokwe is co-founder and chairman of the New Afrikan People's Organization. He's renown for winning a load of cases & lawsuits for his people. He has represented Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Sister Fulani Sunni Ali, Bro. Sekou Odinga, and members of the Black Liberation Army. Bro. Chokwe is one of the few lawyers who won't back away in the face of this corrupt injustice system. That is why it is extremely important for New Afrikan people and, supporters of justice to rally in support of our legal warrior. Bro. Chokwe has given himself unselfishly in his fight for dignity for his people. His beautiful spirited daughter Rukia Lumumba, who introduced her father at the support rally reflected back when she was a little girl. Sister Rukia stated she would look out of their front window at home late at night waiting for her father to come home from work. She was never selfish, or jealous being she knew her father was out working in the service of his people. Bro. Chokwe is also supported by a loving wife, Sister Nubia, and son Chokwe Antar. So I say it's important that We rally in support of our New Afrikan Souljah, and follow this situation closely.

Pamoja Tutashinde
(Together We will win)

Bro. Taharka Omowale



Chokwe with Fulani Sunni-Ali

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A Message To Our People

from The Provisional Government of
THE REPUBLIC OF NEW AFRIKA
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1 April 2003

Fellow Workers for Freedom and Justice, We must report to you that like many other descendants of Afrikans born and living in the United States, We of the Provisional Government have, since last September, written to Mr. George W. Bush, to U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, and to U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice urging them not to open the Bush administration's announced illegal, cruel, expensive war against the country of Iraq and its innocent people. We have also stressed the likelihood that thousands of unnecessary deaths of New Afrikan personnel in the United States military could occur; yet these men and women, for the most part, joined the U.S. military to escape the racism in the United States economy and gain employment and the possibility of advanced education. We have emphasized that New Afrikans, as a people oppressed by the Americans, have always been on the side of peace and justice for all peoples and against killing innocent civilians.

The Republic of New Afrika's Provisional Government, may be said to represent directly at least 11 percent of the 40-million people of the oppressed New Afrikan nation in the United States. But in opposition to the United States' war against Iraq and its innocent people, which is so openly violative of human rights and the law of nations, and in emphasizing that the Provisional Government has stood and still stands with the majority in the United Nations Security Council against this illegal invasion and war against Iraq, the Provisional Government was and is speaking for the vast majority of all the 40-million New Afrikan people of the oppressed New Afrikan nation here.

But as the world knows today, the United States not only ignored the Provisional Government and those other New Afrikan spokespersons who oppose this illegal war, the United States shamelessly ignored the majority of the United Nations' Security Council.

At the same time that George W. Bush launched this war - while trying but largely failing to get African countries on the Security Council to back his invidious invasion plans - Mr. Bush moved to cripple the legally elected government of Zimbabwe in Afrika. He froze Zimbabwean assets in U.S. banks. The pretext used by this illegally elected President of the United States was that the Zimbabwean government in his opinion was not a democratic government and its program of returning land to the indigenous people of the country was unfair to White farmers (whose forebears had stolen this land during one of the harshest White regimes of the colonial era). Again the Bush regime ignored the calls of our people here and abroad for justice and for the use of U.S. influence to make Britain provide the transitional funds which were promised when the independence accords ended the anti-colonial war in 1980. He is leading a European plan to destroy this proud, struggling Afrikan country.

Clearly the question for us is not simply can We write better letters to U.S. officials. The question, with uncomplicated answers, is: What Is To Be done?

1. First, We must begin by embracing - and spreading to others - certain basic facts about our political existence in the United States. First, our ancestors from Afrika did not come voluntarily to the Thirteen Colonies and the United States. They were kidnapped and held here against their will. While here We developed into a new Afrikan nation, during the 200 years, the 10 generations, between 1660 and the Civil War in 1861. We came from no single nation on the Afrikan continent but from several, and because of this, through inter-marriage, We shared these varied Afrikan genes and, as well, some Indian and European genes. We were also bound into a new Afrikan nation by the survival of important, universal aspects of Afrikan culture. The final bond which made us a new nation was the constant struggle in which We all engaged against a common White oppression.

2. We have had three main strategic goals as We all engaged in this struggle. Some of us wanted -

and want - to leave America and "return" to the Afrikan continent. Some of us wanted - and want - to change the United States into a good place for everyone and become full U. S. citizens. But many of us sought and still seek to create an independent Black-majority country in the South, at least as powerful as Canada in the North. This latter strategy is the work of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika (PG-RNA).

3. A second reality of our political condition in the United States is that We remain entitled to the right to self-determine - to decide for ourselves - what our political future in the United States should be. The reason is that when the Thirteenth Amendment was passed in December 1865, U.S. law freed us as persons "legally" on U.S. soil because the U.S. government had permitted and aided in our kidnapping and enslavement here. But We were not U.S. citizens under U.S. law. When the Fourteenth Amendment was enacted in July 1868, offering U.S. citizenship - and attempting to force this U.S. citizenship upon us - it was too late. As free people, the United States could not - and cannot - "make" us U.S. citizens as they have attempted to do. Under common sense and international law, the U.S. was - and is - required to ask us our political choice and then respect the choices of each of us.

4. Mr. Bush and his administration have gone to war without a declaration of war by the U.S. Congress, the only agency of the tripartite U.S. government with the power to declare war. The war has been declared illegal not only by the Provisional Government but by the United Nations' Security Council. Yet Mr. Bush claims to be fighting this war in the name of all the people in the United States. By contrast and in response, this PG-RNA message to our people is to affirm that Mr. Bush has no right to declare or wage war in the name of New Afrikan people held in the United States - including those forced to fight for the U.S. in Iraq. The U.S. has never participated in a democratic plebiscite to establish the political will of our people after slavery. Instead, the American governments have claimed to speak for us. This is contrary to international law. Our right not to be U.S. citizens is found not only in the logic of the Thirteenth Amendment which ended slavery and, under U.S. law, made us free people without U.S. citizenship. Our right not to be U.S. citizens and to follow our own self-determined political course is found in the international law: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the U.S. Senate and proclaimed as part of the "supreme law" of the United States by the first President George Bush on 1 June 1992.

Let We of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika be clear: We are not U.S. citizens and the war fought against the people and country of Iraq cannot be fought in the name of the new Afrikan nation or our people, illegally held - as We are - in the United States. The Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika and the several millions of people whom We represent are NOT at war with Iraq or its people. George Bush cannot speak for us. We support and join with the majority of the United Nations Security Council against this illegal, shameful invasion and carnage. We support the earliest possible cease-fire. Let this be clear!

The Provisional Government is preparing to hold a large, democratic, independence plebiscite, under a step-by-step procedure. We invite the U.S. to stop opposing this process and support it AND release immediately our 100 Black Liberation Army prisoners and other prisoners of war and political prisoners as a sign that the United States intends to practice democracy and the observance of the Geneva Convention and the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights at home and not just superficially and conveniently in Iraq.

Get ready, our people. You will soon have the opportunity to vote to have the Provisional Government represent us in the United Nations, initially in Official Observer status, as a legitimate independence movement, able to speak in the General Assembly and the Security Council whenever issues concerning our people arise. Today embrace the immoveable courage of the mighty Medgar Evers! We shall win!

Remembering Our Ancestors Freedom Actions

"Chance has never yet satisfied the hope of a suffering people. Action, self-reliance, the vision of self have been the only means by which the oppressed have seen and realized the light of their own freedom."

- Marcus Garvey

"Because the Black community is not a reading community, it is very important that the vanguard be essentially Activists. We have to set up a program of practical action and be a model for the community to observe, follow (participate), and appreciate."

- Dr. Huey P. Newton

I'd like to begin by stating clearly, that it was not our Ancestors hopes, prayers, sermons, and finances that were the major factors which advanced our cause of freedom; it was their struggles - their Actions spoke louder than words and were worth more than money!

However today, marking the 27th annual observance of Black History Month, since 1976, the overwhelming majority of Black people believe that wishful thinking, supplicating, talking, reading, and money is more important than our Actions!

Let me make this clear about money, it is only a tool; an oppressed people can use money to advance their freedom / right of self-determination, or they will use it to maintain their oppression and exploitation!! Genuine freedom can never be bought or sold, it can only be gained through Struggle.

What do We mean by the Black historical struggle against white supremacy - racial oppression; by struggle, We mean great efforts, exertion, strain, sacrifice, toil, work, grind, striving, movement, and protracted - committed actions to the 'long haul'.

Without action, practice - Struggle there is no progressive transformation; without struggle there is only talk, theory, and theology! Knowledge without action is the same as having no knowledge! Knowing without doing is useless in a situation of oppression; as these proverb state: "To draw a picture of a cake to satisfy hunger;" and "When your hut is burning, there is no use in talking about the fire."

Today for the most part, Black leaders who themselves don't want to struggle, have convinced the Black masses that better 'said' and better 'read' is more important than better 'done'. Indeed Black leaders make a lot of money talking, preaching, praying, lecturing, writing, research reading, and conducting workshops.

This better said and read belief, has resulted in spectator politics; where Black leaders become the Spectacle and the masses become the spectators, just sitting; listening and looking at 'grandstanding'. Malcolm X referred to this as a 'sit-down' philosophy; watching, talking, and reading about our oppression and exploitation;and then doing nothing about it.

Today as Black people We are losing the struggle, because our oppressor's and exploiter's are engaged in more progressive actions than Us. They are simply 'out-practicing' Us in their self-interests. We out pray them in our churches, while they out practice Us building developmental institutions, businesses, and industry.

We out practice them praying to get to the 'other world'. Moreover We out practice them in dying to get to the 'other-world'. While they out practice Us in building a better life for themselves in this world.

It is practice that concretizes and empowers our talking and reading; it is practice that verifies our abstract theories and beliefs. Without the actions of Black political self-determination, We will continue to be oppressed and exploited, while We talk loud and aint saying nothing! As the Afrikan proverb states: "The dog barks, but the caravan continues."

"Dogs are not good dogs simply because the are good barkers;" Men are not good men because they are good talkers. Good talk without good actions is 'good for nothing'. Studying oppression long with no practice is studying wrong; the paralysis of analysis!

America's War Against Sadaam: Dr. Frankenstein Shocking And Aweing Frankenstein

A recent poll taken by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, shows that 65 percent of whites favor the war against Iraq, while 25 percent of whites oppose the war. The same poll shows that 48 percent of Blacks oppose military action, while 41 percent of Blacks are in favor of the war.

The poll results showing a split along racial lines should not be shocking, and is definitely not surprising to me. Whites in general tend to be less critical of the American government's foreign policies; they are more apt to be blindly patriotic, 'my country right or wrong'. White's patriotism reflects their privilege in the world, spoils from global white supremacy exploitation. Most whites have a jingoistic attitude toward war,'might makes right'.

Unlike whites, Blacks tend to be more objective when they analyze U.S. foreign policy. Blacks are more critical and less patriotic. Blacks themselves have been historically oppressed and repressed by the American government's racist domestic policies. Blacks tend to be skeptical of America's war efforts and questions its geopolitical and economic motives.

I am one of those Blacks who opposes the American government's war against Iraq. My opposition has nothing to do with any type of sympathy for Iraq's brutal dictator Sadaam Hussein, it has everything to do with the American government's hypocritical justification for going to war against Iraq because of their weapons of mass destruction. The U.S. leads the world in weapons of mass destruction and like Sadaam has used them in the past.

First of all the U.S. government, CIA, created the rise to power of Hussein and his Ba'ath Party in Iraq. During the early 1980's the U.S. supported Iraq's invasion and war against Iran. This war was initiated to destabilize the anti - American, Islamic fundamentalist Khomeni regime in Tehran. When Sadaam Hussein's Iraqi army used mustard gas and other biological and chemical agents of mass destruction against Iran, American government officials were silent. What hypocrisy!

In other words, when brutal dictators serve America's imperialist interests, then they are not evil tyrants. However when these same brutal dictators like Hussein decide to be renegades and serve their own regional interests, become blowbacks and rogue nations; they become worse than the devil himself.

The U.S. government has a long history of backing terrorist, brutal dictators like Hussein who terrorized and murdered hundreds of thousands of their own citizens. The list of these terrorist dictators include Marcos in the Philippines, Pinochet in Chile, Samoza in Nicaragua, Shah in Iran, Mobutu in Zaire, Suharto in Indonesia, Noriega in Panama, Papa "Doc' and Baby "Doc' Duvalier in Haiti.

Osama bin Laden, the supposed mastermind of the 911 terror and his Al-Qaida network were created by the CIA during the Russian invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. Afghan Islamic fundamentalists and others, including Osama bin-Ladin, received billions of dollars in aid, training, and weapons from president Reagan's administration.

From the American governments' war on drugs in Black communities, to their war against Iraq. These wars are not about safety, prosperity, and democracy. They are not about drugs and weapons of mass destruction. They are all about control and profits.

America's war against Iraq, code named 'Operation Iraqi Freedom', has nothing to do with the freedom of Iraqi people; it has everything to do with getting rid of the U.S. created dictator Sadaam Hussein, and replace him with a pseudo-democratic American backed regime. It's all about free access to Iraq's oil .

America's hypocritical war against drugs in the Black community was not about freeing Black peoples from the scourge of CIA funneled 'crack-cocaine', it was about all criminalization, free access to locking up, warehousing large numbers of Black men in prison.

As Blacks, We must remember the U.S. government's 'War on Poverty' in the 1960's, it was not about freeing Black people from poverty, so many of our people are poorer today; it was all about pacifying our people from rebellions and nationalism. Jamil Al-Amin, H. Rap Brown stated: "America only loosened its hold on Black people, only to gain a better grip."

America's wars are all about the 'Almighty Dollar', GOD: an acronym for Geopolitics, Oil, and Drugs. America's war against Sadaam Hussein is a case of Dr. Frankenstein destroying Frankenstein, who is really worse, the created monster or the monstrous creator? Think about it! The Struggle Continues!!!

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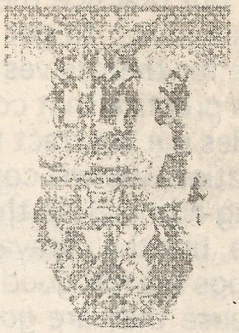


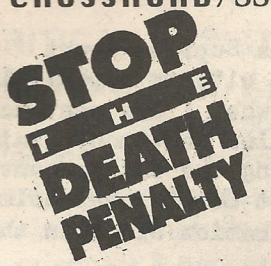
Religion

I am no priest of crooks nor creeds,
For human wants and human needs
Are more to me than Prophet's deeds;
And human tears and human cares
Affect me more than human prayers.

Go, cease your wail, lugubrious saint!
You fret high Heaven with your plaint.
Is this the 'Christian's joy' you paint?
Is this the Christian's boasted bliss?
Avails your faith no more than this?

Take up your arms, come out with me,
Let Heaven alone! Humanity needs more
And Heaven less from thee.
With pity for mankind look around;
Help them to rise and Heaven is found!

- Paul Laurence Dunbar



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On August 11, 1981 i was illegally arrested by political police and accused of killing a police officer during an armed bank robbery. False evidence was invented and used as a ruse against me, calculated to provide a wrongful conviction and death sentence, cloaked with improper acts with the state prosecutorial machinery and resources to give it the appearance of propriety.

Two jury trials were rigged against me, in addition to false material evidence was planted against me by police. Even though DNA has gained credibility as a tool in criminal investigations, even in decades-old cases, my case does not involve DNA testing.

Both all-white (with one Mexican woman) jury trials were rigged and corrupt evidence was falsified against me, in gross violation of my human right. Even though they've been caught lying, they'll merely fabricate more lies to cover up for being found out. The deputy prosecuting attorney whom had obtained the original death sentence against me admitted in writing on April 18, 1986 that "There was no pre-trial identification procedure utilized with respect to Rufus Averhart (as i was known then) in connection with the August 11, 1981, robbery of the Gary National Bank." Moreover, a police administered paraffin gunshot reside test showed i had not fired a gun.

The Indiana Supreme Court threw out the first death sentence in 1993, citing ineffective assistance of counsel. A new judge and jury penalty phase was held in 1996 in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, where the original trial had been held because of pre-judicial prejudice and pre-trial media coverage in Lake County. The new jury again recommended the death penalty and the judge sentenced me to be murdered by lethal injection.

Six months after i was sentenced to die and long after the county public defender had begged court administrators and the Chief Judge to figure out why Black people were being underrepresented in every courtroom in the building, Allen County finally checked the system and publicly admitted the underrepresentation. All criminal defendants with pending cases were given the opportunity to postpone their trials until a new system was put in place because, as the Chief of the Board of Judges of the Superior Court testified last year, 2001, it would have been "absolutely unfair" for anyone to have proceeded to trial under that jury selection system. Yet no one notified me who was sentenced to the penalty of death by a jury chosen from the exact same system a few months earlier. Despite all of this, the Attorney General of Indiana maintains that i, who had contemporaneously moved to strike my venire, should be executed.

A Black man name James Charles McGrew was prodded to identify me at trial as the man he saw place some items in some bushes. James, now a college teacher in Illinois, testified in a 2001 videotape at a successive post-conviction relief hearing in Allen County that after repeatedly telling prosecutors that he could not identify who it was he saw place the objects in the bushes, that turned out to be a pistol and jacket. James was placed in a small room prior to testifying when a large, red-haired law enforcement officer entered the room, told him to identify me, and pointed to me in the courtroom. James further testified that he never saw the face of the man running from the police and that he identified me in court because of fear for his own safety. Indeed, James' hesitation in making the critical identification of me in the courtroom was so apparent that it is noted in the trial transcript. Given the critical nature of James' identification testimony and the fact that none identified me in any of the 308 bank camera photographs taken during the armed robbery, i should be granted a new trial.

On Friday, November 22, 2002, in a 3-2 ruling, the Indiana Supreme Court overturned the death sentence for the second time. They agreed with my appeal claim that the jury pool selection process was fundamentally flawed when i was sentenced to death for the second time in 1996; but they rejected the false testimony claim. The state's highest court has twice stopped short of overturning the entire conviction. They sided with the prosecution that the evidence against me was overwhelming. That isn't true because there was never any pre-trial identification of me in this case by anyone.

James Charles McGrew, the sole identification witness for the prosecution honestly recanted his testimony and finally admitted that the police told him to lie on me. But the court on November 22nd said that "Captain Michael Nardini interviewed McGrew the day after the murder in an interview room at the Gary police station. Nardini testified that McGrew told him McGrew could identify the man who placed the objects in the bushes....This issue turns on credibilty of witnesses. The successive post-conviction court viewed McGrew and the other post-conviction witnesses and found that his recantation was not credible. That finding is not clearly erroneous, and is accordingly affirmed."

The policeman, Captain Nardini lied under sworn oath because James did not say that.

Truth is often bitter to the taste of those who live on falsehoods and shams and profit by them. They hate the truth, and plot against it.

So now i'm in the process of preparing for another jury trial on the death sentence part only. i wanted the whole case to be thrown out of court, or at least be granted a complete new trial! Even though i'm happy to receive some measure of relief from the court, they did not render a good opinion because they've gotten the facts of my case screwed up. They will not listen to me as a lone individual. They only respect the power of the people, organized in unity.

i would like to receive your support to garner attention for my plight in any way that you are able and willing to offer or provide. Injustice is an abuse of power. Some people are afraid to stand up for what is right and speak truth to power. If you fail to help me then who's next? You may not be in jail now, but tomorrow you could be arrested and placed in front of a judge, and then what? Some people are reluctant to get involved because they erroneously think it doesn't concern them. But they need to think again. If you don't step forward it could be you next! What has befallen me can easily happen to you or to your loved ones. People generally want to give a helping hand to those in need, but are often physically and financially unable or unsure exactly what to do. Others don't care and look the other way.

We are asking you to write or call the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney and request that he not refile for the death penalty. Send copies of your letters to my defense team, and to anyone else who may help. The news media needs to hear your voice about this. Thank you very much.

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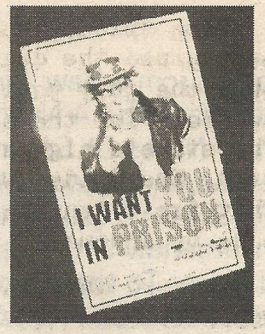
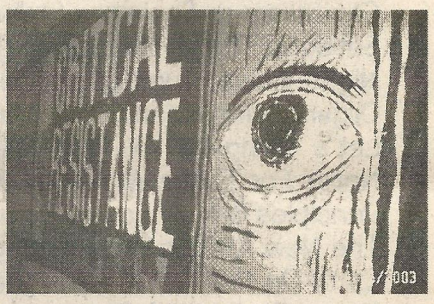
CRITICAL RESISTANCE SOUTH CONFERENCE, April 4-6, 2003



The recent conference held in New Orleans, LA was well attended by a wide cross-section of people, but i would say that the most well-represented class was the radical petit-bourgeoisie. It would seem that direct victims of the Prison Industrial Complex - ex-prisoners & their families, were underrepresented.

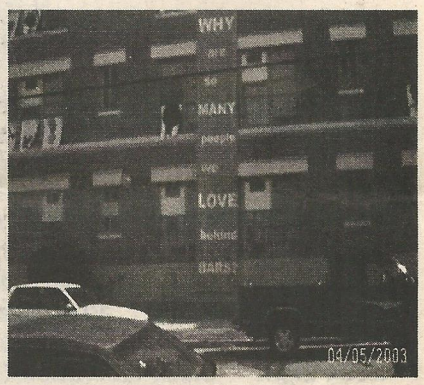
A positive aspect of CRITICAL RESISTANCE is that the formation is open to input from activists, so if the working classes and oppressed nations were organized, this could be a useful educational and agitational vehicle. In the statement of the Critical Resistance South Organizing Committee, they speak of the wish to: "*continue building a strong movement of resistance to the culture of violence and punishment that has become so persistent in this country.*"



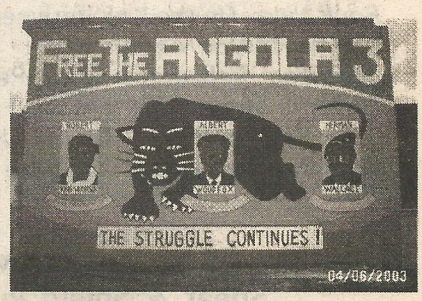
The opening night program was very good. Speakers included a young man who had been locked up as a youth; angela davis; a woman like kemba smith (who was in the audience) spoke of fighting an unjust coviction for six yrs before getting it overturned; and goat carson, an indigenous spritual leader who encouraged us to send loud laughter to the heavens and celebrate joy in our staying power.

Activist/Author Angela Davis & Activist/Attorney Efia

There were almost 100 workshops held on Saturday and Sunday, but none dealt with indeterminate sentencing, which is a huge issue all around the empire. In all, workshop topics were more abstract than concrete, but We were able to do a workshop on Control Units and Security Threat Group designations. We talked about torture in the units as a violation of international law, as well as domestic law. We were also able to point out the evolution of Control Units and the explosion in prison construction in response to the revolutionary upsurge in oppressed communities, as well as the efforts to continue targeting and controlling oppressed populations & their leadership with the STG classification.



We also were able to find some unique resources, including the ***stolen lives*** book on disk, a punk cd compilation for the angola three, hiphop cds from the MOVE children & *dare to struggle*, which is a compilation and collaboration between folks on both sides of the wall, inspired by **Dr. Mutulu Shakur** and dedicated to *2PAC*. There was a huge mural on Basin street in support of the **Angola 3**. There was also a lifesize photo montage of drug war victims which contrasted their cases & consequences with those of politicians, like clinton, bush, gore, and dubya. The community center, grade school and church hall, which all functioned as the conference site, are wonderful grassroots institutions in the heart of New Orleans' **Treme** community, which has been home to Afrikans for over 300 years. The giant banner, which raises a poignant question, was draped over the school building.



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